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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/789,218

Applicant(s)

REDMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Stephanie E. Tyler

Art Unit

3754

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-27,32,33,36 and 38-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-27,32,33 and 36 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☒ Other: Appendix A.

Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Speas (3,035,737).

The Speas reference discloses a liquid feed system consisting of at least one liquid dispenser having a manually operable positive displacement pump (9); a collapsible fluid container (21) defining an outlet (fig.2)¹ having a nozzle (fig.2) extending from the outlet and configured to collapse as soap or lotion therein is pumped from the outlet (fig.2) by the manually operated positive displacement pump (9), the collapsible fluid container (21) located at an elevation lower than the elevation of the at least one liquid dispenser (when the liquid dispenser is in the dispensing position); and at least one line coupling (18), in fluid communication, the nozzle (fig.2) of the collapsible fluid container (21) to the at least one soap or lotion dispenser.

Re: claim 39 the outlet (fig.2) of the fluid container (21) is located at a bottom of the fluid container (21).

Re: claim 40 the outlet (fig.2) of the fluid container (21) is located at a lower side portion of the fluid container (21).

¹ Please reference Appendix A specified feature(s).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed July 26, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the Speas reference does not disclose or suggest a nozzle extending outward from the container. The Office has shown in Appendix A the nozzle extending from the outlet of the collapsible container.

Dictionary.com Unabridged (Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary) defines a nozzle as, "a projecting spout, terminal discharging pipe, or the like, as of a hose or bellows". Therefore the projecting end the probe (15) is considered a "nozzle".

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Last et al. (5,819,986) is another type of liquid dispenser.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephanie E. Tyler whose telephone number is 571-272-8059. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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APPENDIX A

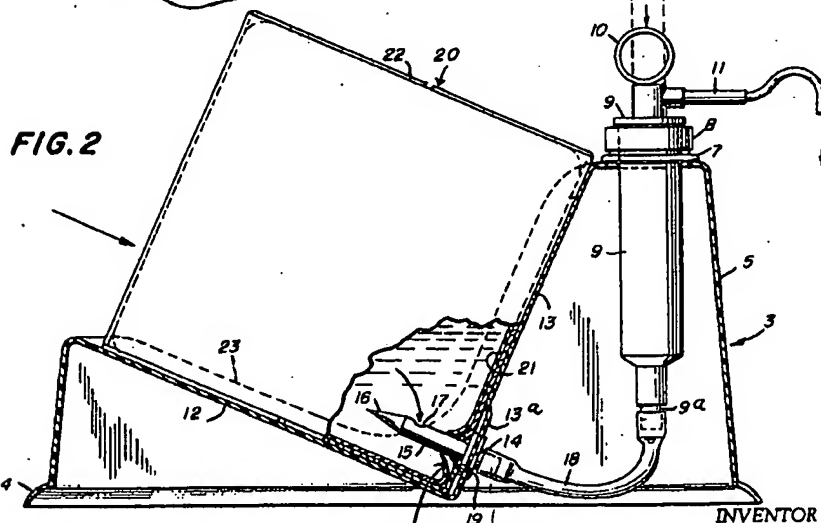
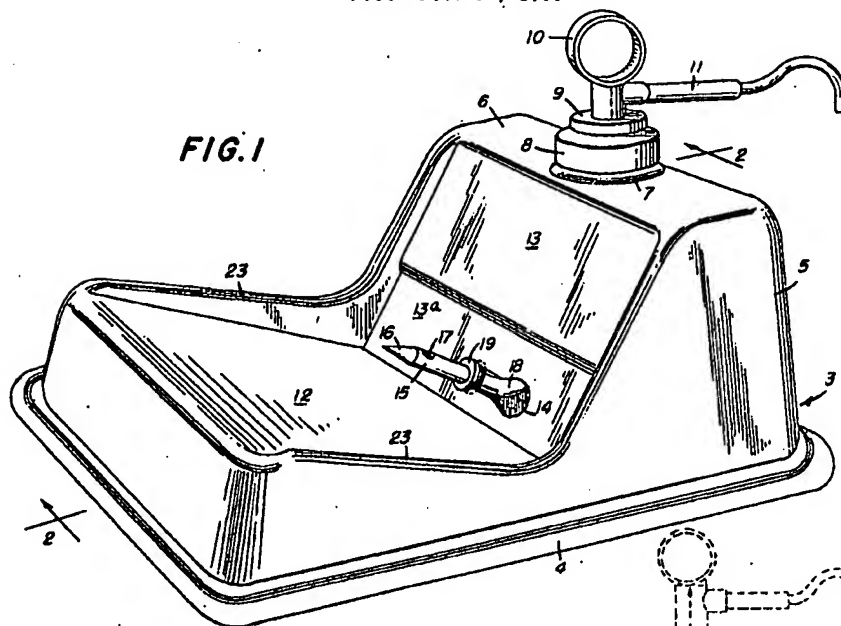
May 22, 1962

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3,035,737

LIQUID CONTAINER DISPENSING RACK

Filed Feb. 12, 1960



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Outlet
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fluid container

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